

## "New Boy" James Makes His Debut

**STILL** seeking the elusive attacking "pep" which wins matches, Wycombe Wanderers have dropped their young inside left Ray Howson from the team which rather flatteringly defeated Maidstone United and flopped so badly against the Dutch tourists, Hilversum.

Into the Wycombe side, to entertain Kingstonian tomorrow, comes "new boy" Peter James, a dark haired, powerfully built centre forward who scored four goals for the Reserves on Saturday.

Paul Bates, for so long Wycombe's regular centre forward, switches to inside left. Young Gerald Free is given another chance on the left wing.

### WYCOMBE'S CHOICE

Kingstonian, one of the shock sides of the current Isthmian season so far, visit Louisa Park tomorrow, k.o. 3 p.m. Wycombe will field D. Syrett, J. Beck, J. Morley, J. Trotter, J. Fisher, R. Fryer, D. Atkins, C. Trotter, P. James, P. Bates, and G. Free. (Reserves R. Howson and J. Weaver).

Wanderers' Reserves visit Kingstonian Reserves Team: K. Brown, D. Thomas, K. Crook, B. Darvill, M. Rockall, E. Morris, P. Day, J. McCullum and J. Tomlin. (Reserves B. Sapadagias and D. Phillips).

## HAPPY ATKINS BAMBOOZLES LEAGUE NEW-BOYS

Maidstone United 2, Wycombe Wanderers 2  
BY ARGLIS

**HAPPY DENNIS ATKINS**, looking suspiciously like a million £ pools winner, trotted off Maidstone United's handsome sports ground on Saturday, watched by 2,000 football soccer fans.

In the last five minutes of Wycombe's first Isthmian League game, the amazing Mr. Atkins committed the most blatant highway robbery since the days of Dick Turpin.

Maidstone United, impressive Isthmian "new-boys" had looked certain to make a winning debut. They seemed to be having little difficulty repelling methodless Wanderers.

Suddenly Atkins swooped. He swung the ball high across the United penalty area for Paul Bates to leap through the air to nod an immaculate equalising goal.

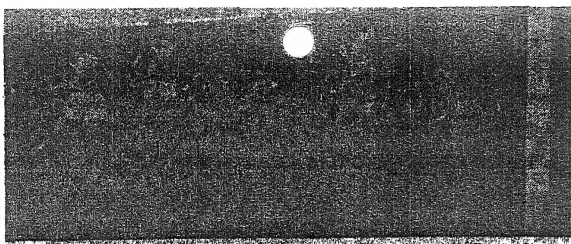
The joy-of-living feeling oozed from Maidstone hearts. But worse was to come. All on his own on the right wing, Atkins tried an unashamed centre into the depths of the Maidstone goal.

### GOOGLY

That very capable goalkeeper Danny Wilshire moved confidently to clear and jerked to a surprised halt as the ball, spinning like a Tommy Greenough googly, twisted over his head and into the net.

Shocked Maidstone fans must have felt that with this luck Wycombe can win League, Amateur Cup, Football and Grand National all in the same season!

If Wycombe were fortunate to



Howson changes up at left Wycombe Wanderers' last goal against the Dutch side on Monday.

the winner of Danny Wilshire's eye, he was woefully weak on navigation.

### TROT-POWER

Only power man in the Wycombe front line was evergreen C.H. Trotter. He went close to breaking the first half stalemate on several occasions and really made star wing half Dennis Cutbush hustle into the tackle.

A mature display by 18-year-old winger Gerald Free encouraged Wycombe supporters. Although he didn't finish his first Wycombe game in the traditional blaze of glory, always trying to use the ball intelligently.

Lone "score" in the first 45 minutes was one that failed to count. Referee J. Reid had Maidstone fans breathing fury as he disallowed a Cutbush goal for outside on the stroke of half-time.

### GOAL RUSH

United began the second half with a rush. Within eight minutes they were two goals up. Warner lobbed the first, after giving Beck the slip, Dwyer the second, with a fine header.

Now was the time for heroics and as Wycombe began to fight back the Maidstone defence, for the first time, showed cracks.

When Paul Bates was sent hurrying in the home penalty area, for the first time, the referee whistled up for a penalty and Beck, summoned upfield, slammed the ball into the net as it loomed.

### RETALIATION

Maidstone's reaction was immediate retaliation and Dennis Syrett and Jim Morley chested away certain goals. As United besieged the visitors' goal, Fisher survived eloquent appeals for a

## Timberlake The First Casualty

**ALTHOUGH** Wycombe Wanderers' Reserves scored a convincing 7-3 victory over Maidstone Reserves at Louisa Park on Saturday they ran into bad luck five minutes from time when Jack Timberlake, their new half back from Marlow, kicked the ground and missed a header in his left foot.

Jack, who now has his foot in plaster, will be out of action for some time.

Wycombe's win, in tropical heat, was a personal triumph for his Peter James, the newly named Wanderers' centre forward with the thunderbolt shot. He slammed in four goals.

Three-one up at half-time, James (2) and Michael Brown (penalty) scoring the goals, Wycombe scored to 5-1 soon after the restart, through Michael Rockell and James.

Maidstone rallied and the spirited Roberts scored two goals to complete a hat-trick.

With goalkeeper Ken Brown in great form, United were kept at bay and when Wycombe killed a Maidstone defender put through his own goal before James scored the best goal of the game with a spanking 30 yarder.

also total 100,000, the Wycombe Wanderers' last goal against the Dutch side on Monday evening and shot their English on pretty girls.

The atmosphere was cordial and friendly - and so was the football of Wycombe Wanderers who, to possibly their worst ever display against a touring side, presented visiting goals to lose 3-2, and tossed away a haul of scoring chances.

Acrobatic goalkeeping by Dennis Syrett kept out the flying Hollanders. He had to make back-breaking saves to retrieve mistakes made by a jittery defence.

### BETTER TEAM

Hilversum, good, brisk and eager as they were, would not have "tired" with the Wycombe team of a year ago. On Monday they were by far the better side, coherency and in the simple matter of knowing how to shoot.

Only marksman in the Wycombe attack seemed to be Dennis Atkins and he was omitted after half-time when Peter James and Brian Sandland came on as substitutes.

The Dutch professionals, who won their country's second Division championship last season, got off to a splendid start when Beck's uncertainty let in outside left Wilpen for a close range gift goal.

Fatigued, lanky de Jongh scored the first of his two goals when he feinted cleverly through a baffled Wycombe defence to make the score 2-0.

### DANGEROUS

The dangerous Dutchmen kept Wycombe at full stretch but the Wanderers forwards, in their turn, had sufficient chances to draw level before half-time. Horgon, who was to blaze away several scoring opportunities, did score off an Hilversum defender, to make it 2-1.

In the second half play deteriorated badly, Hilversum, playing at a slower pace, increased their lead through de Jongh before the enthusiastic James slammed in a consolation goal via the Dutch goalkeeper.

It is an ominous reflection that Oxford City, Wycombe's more immediate Isthmian rivals, had defeated Hilversum 3-2 on Saturday!

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